

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS

The Employment Development Department, in collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation, is announcing the availability of funds to provide access for your customers with disabilities. Refer to the attachment for further information regarding the process to request these funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Martie Evans at [mevans@edd.ca.gov](mailto:mevans@edd.ca.gov) or (916) 651-6057.

/S/ BILL BURKE  
Chief

Attachment

January 24, 2002

REFER TO: 69:70:cy:5195

Dear Local Workforce Investment Area Administrators:

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) collaboratively applied for and received funding from the Governor's Workforce Investment Act Discretionary funds to assist Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) in ensuring universal access to services for persons with disabilities. The California Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) recognizes and supports the need for these additional resources to assist LWIAs to make their services accessible to persons with disabilities.

We are pleased to inform you of the availability of this funding to assist you in meeting the access needs of your customers with disabilities. Approximately \$500,000 is now being made available to LWIAs for the purchase or acquisition of auxiliary aids and services specifically for new, expanded, or enhanced program access within the local One-Stop service delivery system.

We invite you to submit a request for funding and your plan for utilizing these funds in your local area. The DOR, EDD, and CalWIB encourage each LWIA, in requesting these funds, to consider working with your partner agencies and adjoining Workforce Investment Act (WIA) areas to maximize the effectiveness and long-term benefit of these funds. The EDD, DOR, and CalWIB have identified certain services and purchases for your consideration to assist you in preparing your request.

We will consider requests for up to \$50,000 per individual area, however, we cannot guarantee all requests will be funded, and some awards may only be for partial funding. To request funds, please follow the instructions below. Requests for funding will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., February 28, 2002. It is expected that awards will be distributed to the LWIAs by mid-April 2002.

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In support of your local efforts toward ensuring universal access to services the DOR, EDD, CalWIB, and other partners on the Universal Access Workgroup of the CalWIB continue to work on developing training, support, assessment, and evaluation tools and resources. The information, tools, and resource materials will be made available to all workforce investment areas in the near future. Until that time, the DOR, through the same funding as noted above, in cooperation with EDD, have identified consultants from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Technical Assistance section who are available to respond to your program and/or facility access questions. Please contact either Mr. Stephen Amezcua at (916) 263-8664, or by E-mail at [samezcua@dor.ca.gov](mailto:samezcua@dor.ca.gov); or Ms. Sandra Frey at (916) 263-3037, or by E-mail at [sfrey@dor.ca.gov](mailto:sfrey@dor.ca.gov) for more information.

All requests for funding should be forwarded to:

**MAIL:**

Postmarked no later than  
February 28, 2002.

Workforce Investment Division  
Employment Development Department  
Attn: Martie Evans  
P.O. Box 826880, MIC 69-1  
Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

**COURIER  
SERVICE/OVERNIGHT:**

Accepted until 5:00 p.m.  
February 28, 2002.

Workforce Investment Division  
Employment Development Department  
Attn: Martie Evans  
722 Capitol Mall, Room W1077  
Sacramento, CA 95814

In order to maximize your opportunity to receive funding, your request should contain each of the items listed on A-G below.

- A. Your name, Title, Local Workforce Investment Area, and contact information.
- B. Total amount requested, not to exceed \$50,000 unless this request is intended to cover multiple workforce investment areas.

- C. A brief, (no more than one page), description of auxiliary aids and services to be funded or purchased with the requested funds. These services and purchases should be listed in order of priority with the highest priority given to the first listed service or item. Please note the EDD, DOR, and CalWIB have determined that preference may be given to requests in the following order:
1. For requests to purchase, contract for, or develop materials in alternate media (e.g. Braille, large print, tape recorded materials, or close captioned videos).
  2. Contract for, or payment of, disability-related on site, or remote sign language interpreter or real time captioning services.
  3. Identification of and outreach to potential one-stop customers with disabilities.
  4. Equipment purchases for assistive listening devices, video equipment for remote interpreting services, Braille displays for computer terminals, open captioning equipment.
  5. All other equipment purchases to facilitate program and facility access, not to include basic computer terminals or kiosks not specifically designed for accessibility (e.g. magnifiers, screen readers, motorized computer tables, light pointers, head sticks, speech recognition hardware, and software).
- D. A brief description of current efforts to identify and provide accommodations and access to persons with disabilities. This should include identified specific funds and resources currently allocated for these efforts. These should not be supplanted by receipt of the one-time funds from this request.
- E. A brief description of how your local area plans to support, maintain, and continue any purchases, contracts, or services initially supported by these one-time funds.
- F. A brief description of how you have identified your local area needs. The EDD, DOR, and CalWIB suggest the following to assist you in identifying your local area needs:
- Working with your local partners such as the local Department of Rehabilitation office.
  - Working with your local grant funded Assistive Technology Advocates (see list attached).
  - Utilization of the Access for All resource guide (see Calwia.org Web site for a direct link).

- Consultation with other resources (e.g. local community college disabled students' programs and services offices, Independent Living Centers, local disability specific agencies serving persons who are blind/visually impaired, and/or deaf/hearing impaired), or a recent access or ADA survey.
- G. A statement agreeing to provide a summary to the Universal Access Workgroup (UAWG) of the CalWIB by September 1, 2002, reporting the equipment or services purchased from the funding received from this request and a description of resulting improvements (if any) in ensuring universal access. This summary should be sent to Ms. Martie Evans at the address noted above.

We look forward to receiving and reviewing your requests and are pleased to be able to provide these additional resources to the local areas at this time. The EDD, DOR, CalWIB, and the UAWG, will continue to look for other opportunities to identify and obtain additional resources for the One-Stop service delivery system. A primary goal of the UAWG is to assist local areas in making their services accessible to and usable by customers with disabilities. If you would like more information about the UAWG and its mission, please contact Mr. Mark Erlichman, Chief, Interagency Linkages, Department of Rehabilitation, at (916) 263-8748 or E-mail at [merlichm@dor.ca.gov](mailto:merlichm@dor.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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/S/ MICHAEL S. BERNICK  
Director  
Employment Development Department

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/S/ CATHERINE CAMPISI  
Director  
Department of Rehabilitation

Enclosure

## **Assistive Technology Advocates**

Assistive Technology (AT) advocates are community-based information and referral specialists who can assist consumers with a variety of assistive technology issues. They work at Independent Living Centers in California. The AT advocates:

- Provide information on assistive technology.
- Provide referrals to qualified AT professional for evaluations, assessments and training.
- Help locate vendors, services and funding resources.
- Make outreach and community education presentations, and much more.

Some Independent Living Centers have programs that enable consumers to try out different types of devices. The Independent Living Centers in the cities listed below have AT advocates on staff. There are 28 Independent Living Centers with 30 additional branch offices throughout the State. Centers that do not have AT advocates on staff are still valuable resources for information on assistive technology.

### **Auburn**

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